

DOMINION

We thank the Lord for who He is and all that He has done. If we would just reach out to Him, no matter what the need, He would meet it. We do not have to look to people. We don't have to look to ourselves. We simply look to God Himself. If we would look to Him, the power of God would come into our lives, our homes, our neighborhoods, cities and communities, regions, nations, and the world. If God's people would stand up for what they know is true and speak the name, Jesus, God's power would flow. It is just that simple.

The Results of God's Power

The power of God starts to flow when you speak the name of Jesus. However, you never see the power of God; you just see the results of His power. People often fall down under the anointing of the power of God in our meetings. We see healings week after week, but we never see the power of God go in. We see the results of it.

Cancers, heart disease, nervous conditions, and skin conditions are removed. Ears pop open. Eyes start to see. Legs that could not walk start to walk. The effects of strokes are canceled in the name of Jesus. Hearts work again. Marriages and emotions are healed. You name it and we have seen it.

However, up to this point in time, I have never seen Jesus. At one time I thought I wanted to have Him walk into the room, sit down, and talk to me; He didn't come in the way I expected. He asked, "My son, you're waiting for me to come walking into the room, sit down, and talk to you, aren't you?" I answered, "Yes." He continued, "I'm not going to. For two weeks I have been trying to tell you what it is that you need to hear."

I knew in my heart what He wanted me to hear, but I was looking for Him to come in a certain way. I knew better. The word of God says that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is there in the midst. Jesus said, "*Whatever you ask in my name, I will do.*" He has to be here in our midst, but I don't need to see Him. If I do see Him, glory to God, I

will rejoice in that; and if you see Him, glory to God, I will rejoice with you. But the word of God says that He is here. If people are waiting to see the results before they believe the word of God, they will never see them. We must believe God and His word, and then we will see. Time after time we have seen results because we believe God's word.

Thomas said, "Except I see the holes in His hands and the hole in His side, I won't believe. I have to see for myself." I believe that there are people all over the world just like Thomas (and I used to be one of them) who have to see something before they believe. Jesus said to Thomas, "Come on, Thomas (He met him right where he was), put your hand in my hand, put your hand in my side, and see for yourself." He continued, "Thomas, blessed are they who have not seen and still believe." They are the ones who are blessed. They will always see results.

High and Lifted Up

God's people have to know how to stir up the Spirit of God within themselves because they can't always be in a place where the power of God is moving. We stir up that gift by focusing our complete attention upon the Lord Jesus Christ. Picture Him high and lifted up ... in visualization. Picture Him rising across the clouds. He is rising high and lifted up.

As we grow in God, we no longer look at ourselves as mere mortal human beings, for it says that as many as receive Jesus, He gave the power to become sons of God, born not of flesh and blood nor the will of man, but born of God Himself.

We are no longer just human beings because we are children of the Most High God. That high-and-lifted up living God lives within us, His people. As the word of God tells us, we need to put ourselves in the place our Lord Jesus has placed us. We are not lowly, poor, miserable sinners, but we are seated with Christ in heavenly places. It does not say that we are seated here in this world. (Ephesians 2:6)

"SINCE YOU THEN BE RISEN WITH CHRIST, SET YOUR AFFECTIONS ON THE THINGS ABOVE." (Colossians 3:1) Set your

minds on the things above wherein Christ dwells in all glory and splendor because we too are risen with Him.

If we would do this daily, whatever trials we face, we would see ourselves with Christ, high and lifted up, looking down at the circumstances and situations that seem to overwhelm us. They have no power over us anymore because we are God's children bought with the blood of Jesus. We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus who loves us. This is what the word of God tells us. The reason people are cast down and defeated is because they do not see themselves high and lifted up with the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is what I say: "Jesus, You are my life and light source. You are my Savior. You are my source of every blessing. You are on my mind and in my heart..." Speak the name of Jesus. Say, "Thank You, Jesus. I praise you, Jesus. I love You, Jesus. I honor You, Lord. You are high and lifted up... You are glorious in all Your majesty, in all Your dominions. You are the one responsible for lifting me up so that I too am high and lifted up. I am more than a conqueror in You, Jesus, my Lord, as I keep my mind stayed on You and on Your power and ability... to lift me up with You."

Receive What He Has Provided

See, it is not that we have to try to be Christians, and it is not that we have to try to give up this or that. It has nothing to do with us trying to stop doing anything. It has to do with the fact that God in His love in Jesus has already done everything for us. All we have to do is recognize it and receive what it is he has provided.

The Spirit of God is ministering heavily in these last days concerning holiness. We cannot expect to receive healing if we are running around polluting our bodies (temples) or doing things that will defile the temple of God. Right away, as you know, the tendency will come, "Well, I don't want to go against God. I want to stop smoking. I want to stop drinking. I want to stop overeating."

In fact, God knows that I do not have to do it. Jesus has already done it for me. I just have to say, "Father, forgive me for going against You and Your word." Let me tell you, this is the easiest thing in the world

to say if you really want to be free: “Father, forgive me.” Then I trust that His ability and power will flow within me to stop whatever it was. We are talking about the power of the Spirit of God. It is just that simple. However, if I keep thinking, *I have got to do it, I have got to do it*; quite frankly, I have no ability to do anything on my own. I will fall flat on my face. This willpower stuff doesn’t work, friends. It is one’s will to do something one day, and the next day it is not. If we would rise up in dominion, we would never be in bondage again.

What is dominion? Dominion is having all authority and power. Jesus has raised us up to that position. If we would take the dominion, authority, and power, we would never puff another puff in our lives. We would never drink anything not pleasing to God.

Why? Because we are already free. If we can get anything across to people, it is that in the Lord Jesus Christ we have been set free. All has been accomplished! It was done at the cross. The blood of Jesus set us free. What I have to do today is come to that realization. I just have to receive my healing, or I merely have to quit doing what I have been doing.

What will get me started? One, I have to know that what I am doing is not of God. Two, I have to say, “Father, in the name of Jesus, forgive me for doing it.” I John 1:9 says that the blood of Jesus will cover us. If we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In other words, God sees me as never having done it. He has forgotten all about it.

The Prison Door is Open

If He has forgotten about what I did, why should I hang on to the fact that I can’t stop doing it? I have to enter into what God has already provided, and the power of God will come into me. If my heart is fixed on God, His power will flow, and that will be the end of it... and no withdrawal symptoms. Thank You, Jesus. The door to the prison cell has been opened wide, and there I sit with a simple decision. Am I going to walk out of prison a free man, or am I going to continue to sit there with the door wide open?

One time as I was ministering to a woman, I saw just what I have been describing. I saw a cell with a top and sides all the way around. The

door was shut at the time. As we continued to pray over the woman, the door swung open. (The Lord Jesus opened the door.) I told her, “You are looking around but the door is wide open. You keep looking at the ceiling, you keep looking at the sides, the back, and the floor, but you are not looking at the door. Why don’t you look at the door?”

(What is the door? - The Lord Jesus Himself. And He has opened the door to the prison cell.) I said, “Friend, why don’t you simply recognize that fact and walk on out of the door into freedom.” She looked at me strangely and said, “I never knew that I was free.”

Do you know why? Because she kept looking at the top where the bars were, she kept looking at the sides where the bars were, she kept looking at the back where the bars were, she kept looking at the floor (there is no way out of there). She would not look at the door. The Lord Jesus had already opened it. She had to acknowledge Him, and the fact that she was free in Jesus, and then walk out.

I thank God that the realization of freedom in Jesus came to the woman. She exclaimed, “I don’t need to put up with this nonsense in my life anymore. I’m already free!” When she acknowledged within herself, *I am free*, the power of God came in. Then freedom came - but not before.

If we let our minds run our lives, we will fall short time and time again. We have to line our minds up with the word of God. The word of God says that we have dominion over all things.

The Lord wants this message brought forth so that miracles and healings increase in the days ahead. The miracles and healings will not only increase in churches but also in our homes. The power of God is going to increase.

Holiness Required

I Corinthians 6:9-10 says that unrighteous people will not inherit the kingdom of God. It says not to be deceived. People who are doing the following are not going to inherit the kingdom of God unless they change: fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, covetous, drunkards, greedy people, revelers, and extortioners.

Nobody would have life with God except that He paid the price for our sins. Because He loves us, He came and shed His blood on the cross and paid the penalty...Jesus opened the prison cell doors wide. He said, "Come to me you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will give you life. I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no man comes to the Father but by me. I am the door. Walk through the door into life, health, divine provision, protection, and blessing of every kind."

I Corinthians 6 continues, "AND SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU." "Were" is past tense. The day we asked Jesus into our hearts as Lord and Savior, the devil's power and the things of our flesh were broken off of our lives (whether we felt like it or not). We were free at that point, and we are free now. Therefore, it is just a matter of taking out the trash.

"But you are washed by the word of God, by the blood of Jesus" means that there cannot be a trace of anything on us that is not of the Lord anymore. God Himself has washed us clean. It is our responsibility to keep clean. God is working in us and with us, enabling us to do it. When we recognize that fact we will see that nothing can stop us anymore.

"*You are sanctified*" means you are made holy, and God has already made you holy. Do you see yourself as being holy, or do you still look at yourself as a poor, miserable, wretched sinner? The Bible says that through the blood of Jesus we are no longer treated as sinners. We are the righteousness of God in Christ... We are sanctified; we are made holy by the precious blood of Jesus. We are God's chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and generation.

How We Are to See Ourselves

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead, and we are right behind him. We are lifted up. We have to see ourselves that way. If we keep seeing ourselves as worms, groveling in the dirt, we will never rise. We will never rise to see all that God has already made us to be. We are sons and daughters of the Most High God, arrayed in white robes. The glory of God is within us. We are holy temples of the living God.

If we don't begin to see ourselves in that way, we have missed the point of the good news of Jesus Christ and the love of God. He has already freed us, and all we have to do is enter into it. I am worthy

because Jesus has made me worthy. I am holy because Jesus has made me holy. I am loved because my Lord has loved me.

Having dominion means that I have all power in heaven and earth in the mighty name of Jesus because Jesus has given me the dominion, power, and authority over everything.

I Corinthians 6:11 continues, “BUT YOU ARE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS.” God has declared us not guilty. If God has declared us not guilty, and we have asked God’s forgiveness, then who are we to take it upon ourselves to say that we are still guilty? (Romans 8:29) Who can stand against me today and say that I am guilty of sin? The devil himself is the accuser of the brethren, and he has no right to accuse me of death. It is a lie because Jesus has set me free. Jesus has set you free. Say it, “Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death, sickness and poverty. I am free indeed. Thank You, Jesus.”

I must begin to see myself as God sees me. Why see myself as a lowly worm when God sees me as high and lifted up? Somebody must be lying somewhere. Let me tell you, it isn’t God. I am deceiving myself, or I am believing some crummy lie of the devil. The lie is that I am still unworthy, lowly, wretched, miserable, prone to sickness and poverty, and defeated at every turn -- a failure. Who am I going to listen to? Will I listen to God or the devil?

It is time that you start listening to God. It is one thing to say, “Yeah, I’ll listen to God.” If you really do, then you will listen to what His word says, and you will not only listen to it. When the Bible says, “hearken,” it means pay attention diligently and DO something about it.

We are high and lifted up with our Lord Jesus. We are going to judge angels and all unbelief on that final day (I Corinthians 6:1-2). In the meantime we are not to judge any unbelievers. We are to love them. This is very important. We need to remember what we were before the Lord Jesus touched our lives with His love and set us free.

Unbelievers are still in bondage because they haven’t seen that the door is wide open. Jesus is standing at the door, saying, “Come. Come to freedom. Come to life. Come to health. Come to divine provision and blessing of every kind.” The door is wide open even for unbelievers. The prison door has been removed by the Lord Jesus Christ, and He now

stands there as the door to life. See, it is uncomplicated. WALK OUT, IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Not Under the Power of Anything

“ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL UNTO ME BUT ALL THINGS ARE NOT EXPEDIENT [HELPFUL]. ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME, BUT I WILL NOT BE BROUGHT UNDER THE POWER OF ANY.” I Corinthians 6:12

Why will I not be brought under the power of anything? Because God has set me free from the power of Satan, from the power of sickness, disease, and poverty in this world and the power of my own flesh. That’s right. I am free to live as the righteous, holy child of God in right standing with my Most High Father. God knows that if there is anything else that has power over my life, then I have relinquished and given up my dominion over it. I have let it have power over me. Do you understand that? I am supposed to have power over everything else. Nothing is supposed to have power over me except the Spirit of God. Paul was making that point to the Corinthians when he said, “I refuse to be brought under the power of anything.”

I am a free man, and I refuse to be shackled by anything other than the Spirit of God. If I am out of line, God doesn’t mess around with scalpels or shock me with an electrode. I freely obey God. I freely love my God because He first loved me.

See Genesis 1:26-31. It says that the Lord God made Adam in His own image. Then He proceeded to give Adam dominion over the earth and all living things. God gave us dominion over everything as well. He gave us the right to control situations (rather than being controlled) in the mighty name of Jesus.

More than Conquerors through Christ Jesus

If I have gained an understanding of dominion, I would start to be one of the conquerors through Christ Jesus. I would know that things will go the way God has said they will go, rather than the way the devil says they will. Many of God’s people have not listened to the word of God in this area and are being beaten down at every turn. They think that they are

helpless and hopeless – that nothing good is going to happen concerning them.

Take a look at Psalm 8.

- “O LORD, OUR LORD... (We will praise Him here) HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME IN ALL THE EARTH! WHO HAST SET THY GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS.”

The glory of God fills us. That means that we are set above the heavens, too, as far as our positions or rights as a child of the Most High God are concerned. We have been given dominion.

- “OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS HAST THOU ORDAINED STRENGTH BECAUSE OF THINE ENEMIES, THAT THOU MIGHTEST STILL THE ENEMY AND THE AVENGER.”

God stills the enemies. I am free to rejoice in that. God fights the battles. I simply praise the name of the Lord.

- WHEN I CONSIDER THY HEAVENS, THE WORK OF THY FINGERS, THE MOON AND THE STARS WHICH THOU HAST ORDAINED, WHAT IS MAN THAT THOU ART MINDFUL OF HIM? AND THE SON OF MAN THAT THOU VISITEST HIM?

In other words, man is asking God, why do you have anything to do with me? Who am I that you would come to visit me? We must start to see man as God sees man.

- “FOR THOU HAST MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS, AND HAST CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR.”

Man is lower than the angels, and yet he is crowned with glory and honor. We discover that Jesus is higher than the angels in Hebrews, Chapters 1 and 2. Because of what Jesus did for us on the cross through His blood, we who were separated from God have now been restored to the place that Adam was before he fell away. That is, man is higher than the angels too!

Angels are not sons and daughters of the Most High God. Angels are not created in God's very image. We are, and because of what the blood of Jesus has done for us, we have been raised to a place higher than before the fall of man. We are waiting for the return of our Lord Jesus, diligent about His work in the meantime, waiting for Him to roll in on the clouds. Our bodies will be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and the Spirit of God will give us new bodies which will be forever and ever with God. Thank You, Jesus!

Meanwhile, however, the glory of God is within this mortal body. The Spirit of God is alive in here because of Jesus and all that we see in Him...

Psalm 8 continues.

- "THOU MADEST HIM (man) TO HAVE DOMINION OVER THE WORKS OF THY HANDS. THOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET."

That refers to dominion. That refers to power. That refers to authority. You will not be run over any more by the devil or by your own doubts or flesh.

- "ALL SHEEP AND OXEN, YEA, AND THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD, THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND WHATSOEVER PASSETH THROUGH THE PATHS OF THE SEAS, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN DOMINION OVER. O LORD, OUR LORD, HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!"

God set it up to be this way so that we would have dominion over everything. **WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS.** Jesus was the conqueror, and He opened the door. We are more than conquerors because we can get in on what He did. We didn't even have to work for it. Quite frankly, we could not work for it because Jesus is the only one who could do it. I thank God every day for that fact. I simply have to recognize it.

Say, "Jesus, you are so wonderful. You have saved me, you have healed me, you have delivered me, you are protecting me, and you are providing for me. You have made me a child of God." I didn't do it. God in His love did it for me, and all I have to do is receive it, rejoice in it, and be thankful for it.

Ephesians 1:18-23 shows Paul praying for the church – that they might know the exceeding greatness of the power of God that rests within them. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is living within those who believe. The name of Jesus has been exalted above everything. Jesus is the head, and we are the body, and everything is under our feet, which means that we are under the authority, protection, and Lordship of Jesus Christ. All authority in heaven and earth belongs to us, the Body of Christ, and that means that everything else is under our feet. That means that we have authority over everything that is not of the Lord.

If God's people would really understand this, there would be no more depression, fear, worry, or evil in their lives. Given that we have been freed from it, we are the ones who allow what we have. We allow things when we don't take dominion, power, and authority over them.

"WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS WHO LOVES US. IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?" (Romans 8:29-37) If God has declared us not guilty, then who are we (or anybody else) to say we are guilty? We are free. Nothing can separate us from the love of God that we have in Christ Jesus. God has given us dominion and authority in his name. So why don't we use it? We don't use it if we don't know we have it.

Whatever You Ask in His Name

Let me tell you, week after week, by the Spirit of God, we take authority over sickness, disease, poverty, barrenness, or anything that is of the devil. You see us taking authority over those things, and you see them leave. They have to leave in the name of Jesus. When you know in your heart that as you speak the name of Jesus, things are going to happen; they have to happen.

“HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE [WE] DO ALSO AND EVEN GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO, BECAUSE I GO UNTO MY FATHER. THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON. AND WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.” (John 14:12-14)

Who has to ask and take authority? We do. The term “ASK” is an incorrect rendering. The word means “DEMAND.” We are not demanding from God, we are demanding, “Devil, you take your hands off of what belongs to God in the name of Jesus!” As we do that, Jesus does the work. No matter what the bondage area is, it is not bondage anymore in Jesus because we are already free from it. We just have to recognize that we are free.

Unbelief vs. Dominion

Why treat others like they are unbelievers? They are not really unbelievers because the blood of Jesus has already been given to save them. They are just acting like unbelievers. In other words, people are already saved in God’s eyes. They simply have to enter into it and acknowledge it.

Glory! They need to say, “Jesus Christ, I need you. You are my Lord. Come into my heart.” They are already free; they just don’t know it. They are sitting in the prison cell with the door wide open and doing their own thing. If they would humble themselves, the power of God would come into their lives, and they would be free.

The disciples asked Jesus, “*Why could we not cast out that devil?*” (Matthew 17:20) *Jesus answered, “BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF.”* What was He talking about? They had been casting out devils right and left... they had been doing it.

Apparently they had forgotten the fact that they had dominion over the devil. They were not using the dominion that Jesus had given them from His Father. They were not exercising it.

Jesus said, *“You couldn’t do it because of your unbelief. If you would have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you would speak to that mountain to move, and it would move, and nothing shall be impossible to you!”*

Nothing will be impossible to us, but we must take the reins. We have to act on the word of God, and it has to happen just as God says, in Jesus’ name.

“I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENS ME.” Philippians 4:13 I do not have any glory in myself. I have the ability of God through the Lord Jesus. Obedience to the word of God... **I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.** Do you see it? I have been given dominion by the Lord God, and I have to exercise it. I have to take authority over depression. I have to take authority over fears. I have to take authority over doubts and worries, etc. Who is going to do the work? Jesus.

We are to acknowledge what God has done. He has already freed us from those things. This is what I say: “I am free. I don’t have to fear anymore. Leave me now, fear, in the name of Jesus. I don’t have to be depressed anymore. I am free from depression. Leave me now, depression, in the name of Jesus.”

In Matthew 28:18 Jesus said, **“ALL POWER (AUTHORITY) IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH.”** And He proceeded to say, **“GO YE THEREFORE.”** Tie that in with John 14. **GO YE THEREFORE...** and do what? Teach the word of God and the good news about the word of God in Jesus. Make disciples, He said. Teach them all that God has for them as His people. Speak in the name of Jesus. Do the works of God so He can receive glory. Raise the dead.

In Luke 10:19-20 Jesus said, **“BEHOLD I GIVE TO YOU AUTHORITY OVER SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE DEVIL, AND NOTHING SHALL IN ANY WAY HARM YOU.”**

That means dominion. During all of the deliverances I have been a part of, I have never been hurt or even scratched. Thank You, Jesus. Those things come springing out of people. They come every which way, but they are coming out in the name of Jesus.

As I was ministering one time, an individual who was under a demonic influence, and was attempting to stop the work of God, began to shout, "I am sent by Satan to stop these meetings. Go back to your dead churches and forget about this nonsense!" He then proceeded to stand nose to nose with me, ready to go to blows. The power of God came over him and down he went... and out came the "critters." In the name of Jesus they must go.

We do not have to be afraid of anything because we have been given dominion. We have been given authority. We have been given all power as the word of God says, and we must start to see it that way. It is a door over everything - not only over the devil, but it is authority over all of the earth, over the beasts of the field, over everything. God has given us dominion and power. It is His dominion. It is His power. It is His authority. We just receive it.

How do we use it? (Get ready for action.) We use it in Jesus' name.

Every time we speak the name of Jesus, we are acknowledging His presence. We are acknowledging His Lordship. We are acknowledging His dominion over us. When we say that Jesus is Lord, we are saying, "Lord Jesus, you have dominion, power, and authority over my life. I will do what you tell me to do." When I tell those devils that they have to go in the name of Jesus, sickness and disease have to move out. They have to obey me. Why? Jesus lives in me.

Galatians 2:20 says, "IT IS NO LONGER I (put your name in there) WHO LIVES, IT IS CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME. AND THE LIFE THAT I NOW LIVE I LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD." My life is no longer my own. Your life is no longer your own. We are bought with a price. It says at the end of I Corinthians 6, "THEREFORE, GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY AND IN YOUR SPIRIT WHICH ARE GOD'S."